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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

RINDGE, N. H.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1905.

The selectmen of Rindge have drawn on the town treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, allowing charges and demands against the town, as follows:

SALARY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Frederick L. Barrett, services as selectman from Feb.	
15, 1904, to March 8, 1904, 8 days,	\$12 00
Charles F. Platts, services as selectman from Feb. 15,	
1904, to Feb. 15, 1905, 55½ days,	83 25
Francis D. Converse, services as selectman from Feb.	
15, 1904, to Feb. 15, 1905, 42 days,	63 00
Melvin Adams, services as selectman from Feb. 15,	
1904, to Feb. 15, 1905, 28 1-3 days,	42 50
Warren W. Emory, town clerk,	30 00
Warren W. Emory, town treasurer,	30 00
Warren W. Emory, school clerk,	1 50
Warren W. Emory, school treasurer,	8 00
Jane E. Colby, 38 days on school board,	57 00
Charles F. Platts, 8 days on school board,	12 00
Sarah A. Stearns, 16 days on school board,	24 00
Melvin Adams, moderator, March,	2 00
Melvin Adams, moderator, November,	2 00
Abram White, collector of taxes,	64 00
Jason S. Perry, services as overseer of the poor, 8 days,	12 00
Arthur E. Taggart, supervisor of check list,	18 75

James Hamlin, services as constable,	3 00
Edwin H. Sargent, services as constable,	6 50
Arthur E. Taggart, services as constable,	6 00

	\$477 50

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Warren W. Emory, treasurer,	\$2,125 00

BREAKING ROADS, WINTERS OF 1903, 1904 AND 1905.

Edward Burnap, 1903 and 1904,	\$100 60
Willie E. Hale, 1903 and 1904,	78 67
George C. Todd, 1903 and 1904,	104 75
Lewis F. Hale, 1904 and 1905,	73 73
J. R. Danforth, 1904 and 1905,	38 13
G. H. Newton, 1904 and 1905,	37 94
W. F. Wilder, 1904 and 1905,	9 24
George C. Todd, 1904 and 1905,	61 95
John S. French, 1904 and 1905,	12 99
Frank J. Morlock, 1904 and 1905,	29 58
Edwin I. Wellington, 1904 and 1905,	18 50
John D. Whitney, 1904 and 1905,	12 83

	\$578 91

SUPPORT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Edwin I. Wellington, surveyor,	\$83 60
Henry W. Wellington, surveyor,	144 42
George C. Todd, surveyor,	160 17
Rolph D. Whitney, surveyor,	147 00
Lewis F. Hale, surveyor,	90 00
Edwin J. Turner, surveyor,	171 10
George H. Newton, surveyor,	121 46

Rondo R. Converse, surveyor,	93 30
Edward Burnap, surveyor,	125 83
James R. Danforth, surveyor,	148 28
Melvin Adams, road work,	6 75
Melvin Adams, widening road, West Rindge,	101 00
George C. Todd, road work on Hubbard Hill,	11 50
Chester O. Hale, road work,	6 65
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	\$1,411 06

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Warren W. Emory, state tax,	\$717 00
Warren W. Emory, county tax,	1,229 96
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	\$1,946 96

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Jason S. Perry, overseer,	\$705 41
Expenses out of town,	9 65
	—————
	\$715 06

PRINTING ANNUAL REPORTS.

Sentinel Printing Co., invoice and annual reports,	\$60 00
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TAXES ABATED.

Abram White, collector,	\$7 62
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TAXES REFUNDED.

Abram White, collector,	\$7 31
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DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Abram White, collector,	\$125 13
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Shepley Z. Cleaves, Michael P. Donley, Lawrence B. Hatch, time and expenses,	\$562 23
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FIRE WARDENS.

John B. Hadlock, Arthur J. Wellington, Arthur F. Huse,	\$43 62
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Expense on chimney:

A. E. Taggart,	\$7 87
E. H. Sargent,	25 67
Diamond Match Co., lumber for staging,	7 07
W. E. Hale, drawing sand, brick, etc.,	10 75
W. H. Ingraham, work on chimney,	30 19
R. D. Converse, work on chimney,	6 30
S. E. White, material for chimney,	48 09
W. B. Hart, work on chimney,	4 65
A. P. Bateman & Son, slating, etc.,	11 47
W. W. Emory, nails, lead, etc.,	8 07
C. F. Platts, cash for laths,	75

\$160 88

Cain & Benton, retainer,	\$6 00
Warren W. Emory, interest on library fund,	50 00
Warren W. Emory, interest on Jones fund,	6 00
Warren W. Emory, library appropriation,	200 00
Warren W. Emory, notifying jurors,	2 00
Warren W. Emory, recording births, deaths and mar- riages,	7 05
Warren W. Emory, insurance on tablets,	3 00
Warren W. Emory, dog police,	3 00
Warren W. Emory, appropriation for "Old Home Day,"	100 00

Warren W. Emory, stationery, postage, telephoning, and oil and chimneys, town hall,	4 66
Charles F. Platts, collector's book,	1 75
Charles F. Platts, care of town clock,	15 00
Charles F. Platts, stationery,	3 20
Charles F. Platts, expenses out of town,	6 58
Charles F. Platts, bounty on hedgehogs,	72 25
John S. French, expense on road,	10 00
Frederick L. Barrett, expense out of town and express,	2 70
Herbert E. Wetherbee, auditor,	4 50
William D. Chase, Memorial Day,	70 00
Wroy T. Gates, expense on account of Geo. Hills,	13 00
Jane E. Colby, books, maps and supplies, freight and express,	189 72
Charles F. Stearns, cutting grass in the Old cemetery,	14 50
Willie E. Hale, cutting grass on Common,	4 75
Frederick L. Barrett, digging graves and attending funerals,	32 00
Willie E. Stearns, damage to team,	1 50
Ralsamon D. Converse, ballot inspector,	1 50
Herbert E. Wetherbee, maintaining watering trough,	2 00
Jason S. Perry, maintaining watering trough,	2 00
Francis D. Converse, expense on West Rindge water works,	6 75
Henry W. Fletcher, telephoning, blank books, etc.,	2 63
Frederick L. Barrett, expense on fish,	1 00
Ned Thrasher, ballot inspector,	1 50
Ned Thrasher, expense and express on fish,	1 45
Edson C. Eastman, order book,	6 50
William D. Chase, care of town hall,	20 00
Clarence Danforth, cutting and putting in wood,	1 50
Willie E. Hale, brooms for town hall,	1 00
Mrs. C. F. Platts, enumerating children,	12 00
Herbert E. Wetherbee, school auditor, 1904,	3 00
Spencer Hardware Co., constable supplies,	12 00
Ralsamon D. Converse, painting Common fence,	6 40

Ralsamon D. Converse, painting cemetery fence,	8 60
Edwin H. Sargent, work on town clock,	1 75
Edwin H. Sargent, work on Common fence,	2 75
Jason S. Perry, thirteen sheep killed by dog,	50 00
Harris H. Rice, six sheep killed by dog,	22 00
Abram White, stationery, postage and tax receipts,	9 75
Jason S. Perry, expense as prosecuting agent,	22 04
Melvin Adams, expense as police,	4 00
Lawrence B. Hatch, returning two births,	50

	\$1,025 78

RECAPITULATION.

Salary of town officers,	\$477 50
Support of schools,	2,125 00
Breaking roads in winters, 1903, 1904 and 1905,	578 91
Support of roads and bridges,	1,411 06
State and county tax,	1,946 96
Support of poor,	715 06
Printing annual reports,	60 00
Taxes abated,	7 62
Taxes refunded,	7 31
Discount on taxes,	125 13
Board of health,	562 23
Fire wardens,	43 62
Expense on chimney,	160 88
Miscellaneous,	1,025 78

	\$9,247 06

The collector, Abram White, has promptly paid into the town treasury all taxes committed to him for collection.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PLATTS,
FRANCIS D. CONVERSE,
MELVIN ADAMS,

Rindge, N. H., February 15, 1905. Selectmen of Rindge.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,
JOHN D. WHITNEY,

Auditors.

Rindge, N. H., February 24, 1905.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1904,	\$1,226	87
Jason S. Perry, county claims,	6	00
81 dog licenses,	168	67
Chas. F. Platts, windows sold,	1	25
Three town histories sold,	12	00
State treasurer, railroad tax,	76	05
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	839	73
State treasurer, literary fund,	84	15
State treasurer, proportion of school fund,	140	00
State treasurer, bounty on hedgehogs,	72	25
Abram White, collector, 1904, state, county, town, school and highway taxes,	6,716	78
Abram White, collector, interest on taxes,	14	34
Abram White, collector, refunded taxes,	1	29
Total receipts,	\$9,359	38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid 163 orders drawn by the selectmen, \$9,247 06
Cash in treasury, 112 32

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. EMORY,

Ridge, N. H., Feb. 24, 1905.

Town Treasurer.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,
JOHN D. WHITNEY.

Ridge, N. H., Feb. 24, 1905.

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Norman Bemis:

Paid for taking to county farm,	\$6 00
Received of county \$6.00 in full and paid over to town treasurer.	

TOWN PAUPERS.

Maria S. Hale:

Paid for board at county farm, 52 weeks, to Oct. 1, 1904,	\$130 00
Clothing,	16 50
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	\$146 50

Harry Hale:

Paid for board at county farm, 52 weeks, to Oct. 1, 1904,	\$130 00
Clothing,	20 00
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	\$150 00

Sarah Duplease:

Paid Dr. Hatch, expense of taking to hospital twice,	\$13 00
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Minnie Duplease and children:

Paid since Jan. 1, 1905, six weeks,	\$20 00
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Tramps:

Paid E. H. Sargent, keeping 11 tramps,	\$5 50
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Total town and county paupers,	\$341 00
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EXPENSE INCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF QUARANTINE
IN DIPHTHERIA AND TYPHOID CASES.

Lewis Greenwood (diphtheria) :

Paid Margaret Currie, nurse,	\$31 65
Paid J. B. Hadlock, board,	6 00
Paid Dr. Hatch, medical attendance,	24 00
Paid H. W. Fletcher, goods,	2 66

William T. Phillips (diphtheria) :

Paid Margaret Currie, nurse,	\$30 05
(Dr. Thorning's bill, \$50.00, unpaid.)	

Six typhoid cases :

Paid Dr. Pellertier, attendance, at \$1.25 per visit,	\$228 75
Paid for milk, C. A. Todd,	7 20
Paid Joseph LaClair, nursing,	10 50
Paid James Laperance, nursing,	23 60
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	\$364 64

Total amount paid out,	\$705 41
Received of treasurer on selectmen's orders,	705 41

Respectfully submitted,

JASON S. PERRY,
Overseer of the Poor.

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 15, 1905.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,
JOHN D. WHITNEY,
Auditors.

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 25, 1905.

CEMETERIES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE OLD CEMETERY.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1904,	\$15 95
Received interest on cemetery fund,	15 30
Received of town treasurer,	14 50
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Amount due to balance account,	\$45 75
	3 68
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	\$49 43

Which sums we paid out as follows:

Addison Todd, labor and team,	\$6 50
Charles F. Stearns, care of vases,	8 00
Charles F. Stearns, cutting grass,	14 50
Willis Whitney, setting stone and cement,	6 00
Frederick L. Barrett, work on Clark lot,	3 13
William D. Chase, care of Burnham lot,	3 00
Walter B. Hart, work on Clark lot,	2 10
Charles F. Platts, labor,	3 20
Charles F. Platts, services as treasurer,	3 00
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	\$49 43

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PLATTS,
ADDISON TODD,

Committee.

Rindge, N. H., February 15, 1905.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,

JOHN D. WHITNEY,

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 24, 1905.

Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR HILLSIDE CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

James E. Carr,	\$10 00
James R. Danforth,	10 00
Augustus F. Symonds,	8 00
Alfred C. Converse,	10 00
Edwin H. Sargent,	10 00
H. C. Maxwell,	8 00
Arthur Littell,	6 00
	—————
	\$62 00

PAID.

F. L. Barrett and others, labor on avenues,	\$55 28
Committee's services,	3 00
Balance on hand,	3 72
	—————
	\$62 00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. EMORY,

CHARLES F. PLATTS,

FREDERICK L. BARRETT,

Committee.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,

JOHN D. WHITNEY,

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 24, 1905.

Auditors.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

S. Z. Cleaves, services in Greenwood case,	\$7 50
S. Z. Cleaves, services in W. G. Jones case,	1 12
S. Z. Cleaves, services in Colby & Wellington case,	1 50
S. Z. Cleaves, services in Phillips case,	4 50
S. Z. Cleaves, Duplease & Lesperance case,	4 50
M. P. Donley, services in Colby & Wellington case,	2 90
M. P. Donley, services in Duplease and Lesperance case,	5 75
M. P. Donley, making out reports,	75
L. B. Hatch, services in Greenwood case, fumigating, placarding, etc.,	4 25
Supplies and telephoning,	2 82
Rose Lesperance, medical attendance,	23 75
Wm. Phillips, diphtheria case, food for nurse and family,	30 00
Placarding, disinfecting, etc.,	15 00
Frances LaClair (daughter), medical attendance,	13 50
Minnie Duplease, medical attendance,	39 25
Dr. Humiston, medical attendance,	5 40
Fred Duplease, medical attendance,	31 75
Care and board of two children from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1,	35 00
Fuel for Fred Duplease,	3 50
Nursing F. Duplease, M. Duplease, Arthur LaClair,	150 78
Frances LaClair (daughter), provisions for same,	23 26
Arthur LaClair, medical attendance,	15 00
Household goods destroyed,	8 25
Nursing Salina and Minnie Duplease,	33 50
Jessie Boughatt, medical attendance,	16 25
Care and board of child of Duffe Boughatt,	8 75

Provision and fuel for above,	47	74
Salina Duplease, medical attendance,	1	50
Services in fumigating, placarding, etc.,	20	00
Services in Carl Davis case,	2	75
Making reports, postage, etc.,	1	50

	\$562	02

SHEPLEY Z. CLEAVES,
M. P. DONLEY,
L. B. HATCH,

Board of Health.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast.

HERBERT E. WETHERBEE,
JOHN D. WHITNEY,

Auditors.

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 25, 1905.

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

To the Town of Rindge:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the report of the trustees of the Ingalls Memorial Library for the year ending December 31, 1904.

On the whole the year has been a prosperous one, though the diminution in the circulation of the books is very marked. This seems to us largely attributable to the change of librarians on April 1st, when Mrs. Miller was obliged to temporarily resign her position, owing to ill health. Miss Brigham, who kindly consented to take Mrs. Miller's place during her enforced absence, has worked most earnestly and conscientiously to perform her duties, and if the distribution of the books has been less satisfactory than usual, it is not due to any lack of effort or good will on her part. It might be well for the public to remember that the catalogues are meant for constant use in the homes, and that it is much better for the patrons of the library to send a list of the catalogue numbers of the books desired than to leave so much to the choice of the librarian.

We regret extremely that our small surplus for new books had to be absorbed this year in much needed repairs, so that our only additions are a few volumes which came as presents. We must also call attention to the fact that in spite of all possible economy, we have been obliged to borrow money to meet our expenses, and in view of this we must earnestly beg for an appropriation for the coming year of three hundred dollars if possible, or at least of two hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the town vote, as the importance of

the annual addition of new books, is apparent, and lack of fresh literature greatly impairs the usefulness of a library of which the town may justly be proud.

The trustees, in closing, wish to express their thanks to Miss Brigham for the manner in which she has fulfilled the duties of her difficult position.

EZRA H. STEARNS.

HERBERT I. WALLACE,

MARY LEE WARE,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1904,	\$26 05
Interest from note of town of Rindge,	50 00
Interest from trust funds,	176 80
Appropriation,	200 00
Fines,	1 32
Check No. 156, lost,	20 00
Amount borrowed,	30 00

	\$504 17

EXPENDITURES.

Magazines,	\$12 90
New books,	1 60
Insurance,	72 32
Transportation of books,	20 00
Painting,	67 09
Fuel,	53 32
Oil,	7 87
Extra help in library,	11 20
Library cards, boxes, slips, etc.,	8 85

General expense,	3 87
Salaries,	200 00
Cataloguing,	20 00
Fire extinguisher,	16 75
Rug,	4 75
Cash on hand, December 1, 1904,	3 65
	\$504 17

The trustees owe for money borrowed, \$30.00, and for printing supplment to catalogue, \$60.00.

HERBERT I. WALLACE,
Treasurer Trustees of Ingalls Memorial Library.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

This year was marked by a change in librarians, made necessary by Mrs. Miller's continued ill health and her removal from town. She was so faithful and efficient, and so highly esteeemed, that we think any change must have been regretted, and it may not be so very surprising that the circulation of books decreased upon her leaving the library. But she still continues her interest, and we all hope that her health will be restored, and that we shall see her again in her accustomed place.

Your present librarian wishes to thank the patrons of our library for their courtesy and the good wishes expressed during months which were really very trying.

The magazine tables, which are filled with some of the best periodicals published, have been well patronized, and a large number of magazines have been given during the past year by friends of the library.

Catalogue supplements were issued in October for distribution in all parts of the town.

We have now a complete author list of the State Library at Concord. Two volumes have been taken from that library, the person calling for them paying for transportation, according to the rules.

Among the new books which have been added to our library since the first of June (most of which are state and government reports) are the Session Laws of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and a volume of business laws, all given by Miss Ware, and a copy of the Province Laws of N. H., the gift the state. Mrs. Vanderveer, of Chester, N. J., has given a record of the Congregational Church of Rindge from 1765 to 1834, kept by Mrs. Ezra Scolley. Miss Ware has given a set of forty-five charts illustrating ancient and mediæval art with history of the same. She has also placed on exhibition in the art room some fine views of Niagara in the winter and of scenery among the mountains of British Columbia. A number of interesting articles for the museum have been given or loaned by friends of the library, besides the collection of Indian baskets and bead work given by Miss Ware.

The library was open on Old Home Day almost continuously from nine in the morning until six p. m., excepting during the governor's address, and the large number of interested visitors on that day and at other times has been very gratifying.

Following is the table of circulation for 1904:

	Books.	Daily Aver.	West Rindge Library.	Unbound Magazines.
January,	318	35	22	48 numbers
February,	285	36	23	71 "
March,	276	31	24	60 "
April,	199	22	8	30 "
May,	168	21	7	51 "
June,	146	16	3	54 "
July,	212	24	10	78 "
August,	224	25	12	130 "
September,	183	23	11	88 "
October,	182	20	9	56 "
November,	191	21	13	33 "
December,	220	25	20	65 "
Totals,	2,604	299	162	764 numbers

The different classes stand as follows: Fiction, 1,809; Religion, 27; Poetry, 39; History, 166; Travels, 88; Biography, 88; Sociology, 63; Natural science, 75; Useful arts, 59; Fine arts, 21; Literature, 74; Miscellaneous, 95.

The largest daily circulation from April 1 to December 31 was 43 volumes, given out September 10.

Whole number of cards issued to December 31, 1904, was 718.

ELLA M. BRIGHAM,
Librarian.

REPORT OF
WEST RINDGE BRANCH LIBRARY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904.

Ten hundred and seventy-six books have been circulated. Of this number sixty-one were sent to the Ingalls Memorial Library and one hundred and fifty-four were books from the Ingalls Memorial Library, circulated through the Branch Library. Number of juvenile books, two hundred and fifty-six. Whole number of cards issued to December 31, 1904, three hundred and eight. Twenty-five new names were added to the list of patrons.

The different classes stand as follows: Fiction, 749; Sociology, 31; Natural science, 27; Useful arts, 36; Fine arts, 19; Literature, 8; Poetry, 49; Travels, 47; Biography, 46; History, 35; Miscellaneous, 29.

Again, we report that through the continued kindness of Miss Mary L. Ware one hundred and thirty new books were added during the year. Also twenty-two books and pamphlets from other friends of the library,

Respectfully submitted,

M. LIZZIE WETHERBEE.

SCHOOL REPORT.

During the past year all the schools had twenty-six weeks except No. 5 primary. The winter term was so short it seemed best to close before Christmas, so that school is entitled to one extra week the present year.

Some very necessary repairs and renovating have been done, which are very pleasing and satisfactory at No. 3 and No. 5 schoolhouses. But we were reluctant to pay the second time for some of the repairs on No. 5 schoolhouse. Everything was put in good order in the fall of 1903, including repairing blinds, setting glass, etc., and the expense paid, so that all might be in readiness for the painting the outside of the building in 1904. But three and one-half blinds had to be bought, glass purchased and put in and other repairs made, which had to be paid for again. Some of the blinds disappeared entirely, while it is known that one was purposely raised from the bottom, causing it to fall and break to pieces. Little bits of the blinds were trodden into the grass over nearly all the ground in front of the house, and scattered here and there down the street as far as the library. Some wholesome, judicious, instruction in the matter of "mine and thine" and the use of the "golden rule" would be a good thing. The openings cut into the chimneys in the basement do not illustrate the art of smartness, but something worse than foolishness. It is said "The boy is father of the man," but we do not wish our boys to grow into such men.

Three unused schoolhouses have had to have the windows boarded up at considerable expense, because they had been broken into and a great deal of damage done. We hope that was the work of strangers.

In some schools the highest praise can be given for the careful use of books and all kinds of supplies. In those schools the pupils study instead of whittling the desks, chalking everything over, marking books with pencils, etc. In one school a boy was seen to take his knife and cut a word off the leaf containing his reading lesson. Some tear out a disliked lesson, thus spoiling the book. Books put into school new, in September, before the close of October are found very nicely taken out of the binding, every leaf being loose.

We earnestly hope there will be a visible reform in all these things. By so doing the cost of supplies can be reduced.

There has been an increase of interest in study that is pleasant to notice, and a corresponding decrease of mischief is also noticed in some of the schools.

Reading in some of the schools is improving. Some of the teachers have taken pains to improve that branch. Superintendent H. B. Stearns has worked especially that reading, which is the foundation, may be improved to cause more interest in, and better understanding of what is read. The time he has had to spend has been short and it may seem that he has not "done much yet." But people need to be acquainted with the schools, both "before and after," to be able to notice any difference. We cannot stay at home and have nothing to do with the schools and say "It is of no use. What good does it do," etc. It is a work that is never done.

Some dislike to see changes made. But how can it be helped? The world is changing. Times have changed. The population has changed. We change ourselves, perhaps insensibly, but surely. Schools as well as other things must change to be anywhere near the "marching on" of the world. Every system has its drawbacks as well as advantages.

The added expense of what is paid Mr. Stearns cannot be felt as severe, and whatever the sum is, the state pays as much more. For this year we had to pay a little more than the sum raised by the school district. But the other towns in the supervisory district generously added to their own share of the expense that we might not be too heavily taxed and another year, doubtless, a different apportionment of expense may be made.

The question may be asked, "Why so large a surplus in the treasury?" The intention has been to pay all bills, that the next year's appropriation may be applied to its own bills, thus squaring accounts at the end of the year. This last year the bills came in promptly, in the main, and the few remaining unpaid were estimated as nearly as possible and their payment provided for. Although not paid yet, there is enough in the treasury to pay them with and something over. The more promptly bills are presented the earlier the committee can tell how long the schools may be kept. We hope this year more time can be used in the schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB 15, 1905.

SCHOOL No. 3.

Herman H. Jones, teaching 11 weeks, spring term,	\$88 00
Grace A. Clark, teaching 11 weeks, fall term,	88 00
Grace A. Clark, teaching 4 weeks, winter term,	32 00
Care room, 26 weeks,	5 20
Cleaning house and vault,	4 00
Arthur E. Taggart, repairing roof,	75
R. T. Hughgill, painting and papering,	18 62
H. L. Wetherbee; wood,	1 75
L. P. Ball, paper and border,	7 90
A. F. Symonds, repairs,	2 65
H. W. Fletcher, paint, oil, etc.,	20 01
J. E. Colby, paid for kindling, etc., 1903,	1 25
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	\$270 13

SCHOOL No. 5—GRAMMAR.

Elizabeth H. Deuel, teaching 11 weeks, spring term,	\$88 00
Sarah Isabel Litch, teaching 11 weeks, fall term,	88 00
Sarah Isabel Litch, teaching 4 weeks, winter term,	32 00

Care room 26 weeks and cleaning funnel,	6 10
Cleaning room and vaults,	2 25
H. W. Wellington, cord wood, 1903,	3 00
H. W. Wellington, $\frac{3}{8}$ cord wood,	1 25
H. E. Wetherbee, paint, oil, etc.,	28 30
Merrill F. Symonds, painting,	20 60
E. H. Sargent, cutting wood, etc.,	4 84
H. A. Stearns, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood,	5 00
L. P. Ball, paint,	2 45
Leland & Brooks, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ blinds,	1 78
J. S. French, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood,	12 50
W. W. Emory, putty, glass, etc.,	2 01
	\$298 08

SCHOOL No. 5—PRIMARY.

Bertha M. Davis, teaching 6 weeks, spring term,	\$48 00
Amy Belle Taggart, teaching 3 weeks, spring term,	24 00
Herman H. Jones, teaching 12 weeks, fall term,	96 00
Herman H. Jones, teaching 4 weeks, winter term,	32 00
Care room 25 weeks,	5 50
Cleaning room,	2 50
O. H. Norcross, mason work,	15 80
H. A. Stearns, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood,	5 00
Diamond Match Co., wood,	3 00
J. S. French, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood,	12 50
R. D. Converse, painting and repairs,	27 40
Clarence Danforth, cutting wood,	2 25
	\$273 95

SCHOOL No. 6.

Sarah F. Davidson, teaching 10 weeks, spring term,	\$75 00
Pearl E. Manning, teaching 12 weeks, fall term,	84 00
Pearl E. Manning, teaching 4 weeks, winter term,	28 00
Care room 26 weeks,	5 20
Cleaning house,	2 50
	\$194 70

SCHOOL No. 8.

Emma E. Marble, teaching 11 weeks, spring term,	\$88 00
L. Anabel Tenney, teaching 11 weeks, fall term,	88 00
L. Anabel Tenney, teaching 4 weeks, winter term,	32 00
Care room 26 weeks,	5 20
Cleaning house,	2 50
James A. Kemp, repairs and setting 2 posts,	1 50
W. H. Smith, painting blackboards, etc.,	1 75
R. R. Converse, 4 cords wood, 1903,	15 50
R. R. Converse, repairs and labor, 1903,	5 45
	\$239 90

SCHOOL 'No. 10.

Eula F. Jones, teaching 11 weeks, spring term,	\$82 50
Susie Corey, teaching, 12 weeks, fall term,	84 00
Susie Corey, teaching, 3 weeks, winter term,	21 00
Care room 26 weeks,	5 20
Cleaning house,	2 25
H. L. Wetherbee, wood,	2 00
C. H. Thomas, cord wood,	5 50
R. D. Converse, repairs,	1 15
Clarence Brooks, slab wood,	3 00
J. R. Danforth, repairs,	38
	\$206 98

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fitzwilliam tuition due Feb. 15, 1904,	\$11 20
Chas. F. Platts, telephones, telegrams, etc., 1903,	3 68
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards, notices, order books, 1903 and '04,	3 55
J. R. Danforth, lumber and labor, No. 9,	4 36
Diamond Match Co., lumber, No. 4,	2 80
Walter B. Hart, labor, No. 4,	1 50
J. R. Danforth, shingling and repairs, No. 9, 1903,	15 18
Mrs. Miller, transportation, No. 7 to No. 5,	67 80

Philip Bean, transportation, No. 4 to No. 3, spring,	41	25
Nettie H. Hill, transportation, No. 4 to No. 3, fall and winter,	52	50
H. W. Wellington, transportation, No. 6,	10	00
Julia Knight, transportation, No. 9 to No. 5, spring,	44	00
W. E. Stearns, transportation, No. 9 to No. 5, fall and winter,	58	50
Abbie Hughgill, transportation to No. 5,	40	00
Mrs. Annie Jewell, transportation to No. 3,	16	50
F. A. Stratton, transportation to East Jaffrey,	46	45
W. F. Jowders, transportation to East Jaffrey,	21	00
Davenport Austin, transportation to No. 3,	15	00
J. E. Colby, sundries as per bill,	4	46
Superintendent H. B. Stearns,	140	00
		\$599
		73

RECAPITULATION.

Account of school No. 3,	\$270	13
Account of school No. 5, grammar,	298	08
Account of school No. 5, primary,	273	95
Account of school No. 6,	194	70
Account of school No. 8,	239	90
Account of school No. 10,	206	98
Miscellaneous,	599	73
		\$2,083
		47
Amount appropriated by town for schools,	\$2,000	00
Balance in treasury from last year,		74
Additional raised by school district,	125	00
Cash on bank book for No. 5,	55	36
From Mr. Frink toward transportation to centre,	3	00
Two books sold, 25c each,		50
		\$2,184
		60

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	2,083 47
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$101 13

Respectfully submitted,

JANE E. COLBY,
CHARLES F. PLATTS,
SARAH A. STEARNS,
School Board of Rindge.

We have examined the above report and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

MRS. IDA E. HALE,
MRS. AUGUSTA L. WELLINGTON,
Auditors.

Rindge, N. H., Feb. 23, 1905.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.						Wages per month
		Weeks of school.	No. of pupils.	Instances of tardiness.	No. not absent.	No. visits by parents and others	
SPRING TERM.							
3.....	Herman H. Jones.....	11	24	8	5	13	\$32.00
5, Primary	Bertha M. Davis (6 weeks).....	9	22	11	3	18	32.00
	Amy Belle Taggart (3 weeks).....						
5, Grammar ..	Elizabeth Ham Deuel.....	11	16	5	7	29	32.00
6.....	Sarah F. Davidson.....	10	17	46	2	19	30.00
8.....	Emma E. Marble.....	11	34	10	1	37	32.00
10.....	Eula Florence Jones.....	11	12	4	3	60	30.00
FALL TERM.							
3.....	Grace A. Clark.....	11	23	0	6	81	32.00
5, Primary	Herman H. Jones.....	11	25	7	5	15	32.00
5, Grammar ..	Sarah Isabel Litch.....	11	15	20	2	13	32.00
6.....	Pearl E. Manning.....	12	20	18	0	39	28.00
8.....	L. Mabel Tenney	11	30	37	1	26	32.00
10.....	Susie M. Corey	4	10	2	8	11	28.00
WINTER TERM.							
3.....	Grace A. Clark.....	4	20	0	8	11	32.00
5, Primary	Herman H. Jones.....	5	19	1	5	11	32.00
5, Grammar ..	Sarah Isabel Litch.....	4	9	6	5	12	32.00
6.....	Pearl Ethel Manning.....	4	19	13	0	17	28.00
8.....	L. Anabel Tenney	4	25	8	10	11	32.00
10.....	Susie M. Corey	4	10	2	8	11	28.00

STUDIES PURSUED DURING THE YEAR.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

School No. 3—Spring term. George C. Greenwood, Harold H. Hart, Bessie N. Bean, Clarissa A. Greenwood, Bertha J. Hill, Nellie J. Lamson.

School No. 3—Fall term. Bertha J. Hill, Ethel N. Hill, Cora J. Hill, Elenas M. Hill, Merle E. Morrison, Forest H. Stearns.

School No. 3—Winter term. Lillian Y. Crotto, Bertha J. Hill, Helen G. Williams, Ethel N. Hill, Cora J. Hill, Ralph E. Baldwin, Frank Crotto, Stewart Faulkner, Ai M. Hart, Harold H. Hart, Elenas M. Hill, Lewis Kimball, Forest H. Stearns.

School No. 5—Grammar. Spring term. Clinton F. Barrett, Leslie Barrett, Raymond Hale, Florence Danforth, Anna Fitzgerald, Edith Knight, Amy B. Sargent.

School No. 5—Grammar. Fall and winter terms. Florence Danforth, Clinton Barrett.

School No. 5—Primary. Spring term. Ernest Barrett, Grace Hale, Ruth Fitzgerald.

School No. 5—Primary. Fall term. Harold T. Sargent, Oscar I. Thrasher, Myrtle A. Hale.

School No. 5—Primary. Winter term. Ernest G. Barrett, Oscar I. Thrasher, Harry S. Whitney, Hattie E. Anderson, Myrtle A. Hale.

School No. 6—Spring term. Mary J. Gallagher, Alexina Picard.

School No. 6—Fall term. Mary Lydia Butterfield, Eugenie Gallagher.

School No. 8—Spring term. Carl Truman, Edward Winters.

School No. 8—Fall term. Carl Converse.

School No. 8—Winter term. Eva Dolloff, Edna Lloyd, Violet Hamlin, Wilfred Butterfield, Carl Converse, Clyde Converse, Guy Dunn, Carl Dunn, William Hogan, Edward Hogan.

School No. 10—Spring term. Ainsworth Knight, Isa Angeline Packard, Lena Gertrude Towne.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1905.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1904,	\$0 74
From town treasury appropriation,	2,125 00
From Monadnock Savings Bank on District No. 5 book,	55 36
From Mr. Frink, refunded on transportation,	3 50
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Total receipts,	\$2,184 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on 90 orders drawn by school board,	\$2,083 47
Balance in treasury,	101 13
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	\$2,184 60

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. EMORY,
School Treasurer.

We have examined the above report and find it correctly cast.

MRS. IDA E. HALE,
MRS. AUGUSTA L. WELLINGTON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR 1904-5.

To the School Board of Rindge:

The problem of school betterment in Rindge is much the same as in most of our small towns. This report is limited to the consideration of one part of this problem, that of better system. System may have been carried too far in some of the cities but in nearly all rural schools there is need of more of it.

Probably few, if any, schools are now to be found in which at least an attempt at grading has not been made. It is necessary to take this as one finds it in a given school and gradually improve upon it. A school cannot be graded at once and, when it is, occasional readjustments will be necessary. The process is never complete for the object is largely to place each individual where he can work to most advantage. It is undesirable to imitate the rigid system found in some cities. Classes, in the rural school, must be judiciously combined so as to reduce the number of daily recitations. It is not necessary that a child should, in every subject, keep exactly the even pace prescribed by the course of study. The greatest advantage of the country school is the chance it offers for unfettered progress on the part of the industrious and ambitious pupil. Where several grades are under one teacher a good student can easily work along, first in one study and then in another, until he has advanced to a higher grade. This is far from saying that there should be no system of grading. What is needed is a carefully planned and wrought out system which will give the advantages of grading and at the same time be elastic enough to fit the needs of the individual.

Under the loose method of classification which generally prevails in the rural schools, pupils of widely varying attainments and

powers are often kept together. This is frequently done for no better reason than that any other course would give offense. The abilities of different pupils should be more carefully judged and their work more thoroughly examined. Beginning with the fourth year several written tests a term should be given in each study. The tests and questions should be kept for a time on file. Attainment rather than the time spent in a grade should be the standard for promotion.

Teachers should make a program stating the seat work as well as the recitations of the different classes. This prevents an unfair distribution of time among the different classes and subjects.

Teachers should keep a record giving the names of the children in each class and the work accomplished each month in every study. This is of the greatest help in grading the pupils and laying out the work.

When a new teacher is employed she should be given the daily program and monthly record of her predecessor. Unless such records are kept, the work of the school is badly interrupted whenever there is a change of teachers. One of the greatest benefits of a well ordered system is that it makes the school a little less dependent upon the individual teacher.

There should be a course of study stating the amount of work to be accomplished each year and giving directions to teachers. To be practicable the course must be adapted to local conditions. It should be limited to the essentials of an elementary education.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY B. STEARNS.

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 1, 1905.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RINDGE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition. Male or Female 1st, 2d, etc.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Apr. 2	Emily	M L	Herbert F. Whittier	Cora O. Schellinger	Machinist	Garland, Me.	Rindge	32	42	32
" 22		F L	Curtis Wood	Mabel Danforth	Farmer	Woodsville	Clarendon	26	26	23
" 26		M S	John Hadlock	Mary Hastings	Blacksmith	New Ipswich	Nova Scotia	26	39	26
June 19	Irene	F L	Roy D. Carr	Fannie E. Carey	Engineer	Canada	Canada	24	36	24
July 31		M L	Vernon Bean	Della Croto	Farmer	Maine	Rindge	45	45	45
Aug. 8	Herley Clifton	M L	Levi T. Ingralls	Fannie F. Rice	Farm hand	Maine	Rindge	24	23	23
" 14	Richard Hartian	M L	Hariel A. Stearns	Edith A. Emory	Farmer	Rindge	Nova Scotia	35	35	34
Sept. 26	Ruby	F L	James LaGay	Etta Maxwell	Farmer	New Ipswich	Winchendon, Mass.	23	23	23
Oct. 24	Howard Burton	M L	William T. Phillips	Annie E. Earle	Farmer	Rindge	Roxham, P. Q.	40	35	35
" 30		F L	Charles E. Goddard	Florence Jewett	Farmer	Rindge	Rindge	31	31	31
Nov. 23	Ellis	M L	Frank DeLong	Georgiana Wilson	Laborer	England	England	33	33	33

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RINDGE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Date of Mar. Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition of husband.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
Feb. 13	Gardner, Mass. Levi T. Ingalls Fannie F. Rice	Rindge Rindge	23 Farmer 23 Housework	Bluehill, Me. Rindge	Frank G. Ingalls Louise Davis Willis M. Rice Elia F. Rice	Bluehill, Me. Rindge	1st Rev. J. H. Mans- field	1st Gardener, Mass.
" 20	Fitchburg, Ms. William F. Robbins Mabel L. Woodward	" "	30 Farmer 24 Housework	" "	William E. Robbins Lucia M. Hunt Edw P. Woodward	Carlisle, Mass. Rindge Lowell, Mass.	1st Rev. Dew. Perry Fitchburg, Mass.	1st Rev. Dew. Perry Fitchburg, Mass.
Apr. 16	Rindge	James K. LeGay Etta M. Maxwell George H. Newton Mary E. Adams Jacob Anderson	23 Laborer 17 At home 24 Farmer 25 Housework 50 Laborer	Nova Scotia New Ipswich Cameron, Neb. Somerville, Ms. Finland	Henry LaGay William Maxwell Lucy Jane Hildreth Henry D. Newton Laurenza U. Dunbar Melvin Adams Sarah W. Chatman	Rochester, Vt. Clarendon Townsend, Mass. Brooklyn, N. Y.	1st Rev. G. Yeager Rindge	1st Rev. G. Yeager Rindge
May 10	"	"	"	"	Andrew Anderson	"	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge
June 21	"	"	"	"	Peter Kymping George G. Rice	Rindge	2d Rev. George G. Williams Rindge	2d Rev. George G. Williams Rindge
" 28	"	Harris H. Rice Amy Belle Taggart Ralph D. Whitney	23 Farmer 22 Teacher 27 Lumber dealer	Gardner, Mass.	Martha Hale Arthur E. Taggart Eva. S. Whitney John D. Whitney Alta M. Ashley James W. Bruce Carrie M. Conant Henry W. Fletcher Anna C. Norcross Justin Waldo Remis Lizzie Ger. Mirick Joseph Popple Mary LaClare Joseph Rivers	Gardner, Mass. Rindge Lempster Rindge	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge
Sept. 14	"	Grace Edna Bruce Ms. Chas. Walter Fletcher Stella Allen Bemis	20 At home 25 Postmaster 23 At home	Ashburnham, Ms. Northboro, Ms.	Henry W. Fletcher Anna C. Norcross Justin Waldo Remis Lizzie Ger. Mirick Joseph Popple Mary LaClare Joseph Rivers	Baldwinsville Milton, Vt.	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge	1st Rev. George G. Williams Rindge
Oct. 11	Jaffrey	Charlie Popple Emma Rivers,	35 Laborer 31 Housework.	"	"	Canada	1st Rev. E. J. Furlong Jaffrey	1st Rev. E. J. Furlong Jaffrey

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RINDGE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years. Months. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n Female or Male.		Place of Birth.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Maiden Name of Mother.
				S.	M.	W.			
Jan. 5	Mamie Butterfield	16	Rindge	F	S	Canada	Mordesse Butterfield	Philomen Christine	
" 9	Lucia M. Robbins	6	"	F	M	Wardsbury, Vt.	Joshua Hunt	Lucia Todd	
" 18	George Phillips	68	Westminster, Mass.	F	M	Taunton, Mass.	John Phillips	Olive Fay	
" 19	Bertha Elizabeth Littell	3	10 Milford	F	M		Arthur Forbs Littell	Jeanie Ella Lloyd	
Feb. 2	Jacob Kiski	24		M	S				
"	Mary L. Leighton	53	Scituate, Mass.	F	M	Plymouth, Mass.	Joseph Flood	— Hodgkins	
" 15	Samuel S. Howland	75	13 Rindge	F	M	New Ipswich	Jacob Howland	Sally Callow	
Apr. 5	Amanda L. Carr	63	5 Rindge	F	M	Candia	Benj. F. Danforth	Lydia Cass	
May 16	Ellen Phillips	63	18 Plymouth, Vt.	F	W	Plymouth, Vt.	John Whitney	Lacinda Hudson	
June 19	Octavine Rose LaClair	2	10 Rindge	F	F	Conn.	Jack LaClair	Sophia Duplease	
" 19	Calvin Allen	67	Hartland, Vt.	M	S	Surry	Calvin Allen	Polly Norris	
July 14	Charissa A. Greenwood	9	9 Templeton, Mass.	F	S	Templeton, Mass.	Annie Alexander	Annie Raymond	
Aug. 24	Rebecca Howland	54	21 E. Bridgewater, Mass.	F	W	North Duna, Mass.	Lewis G. Greenwood	Polly Ingalls	
Oct. 7	Eliza Emory	85	16 Rindge	F	S	Plymouth, Mass.	Timothy Mitchell	Stephen Emory	
" 15	Ruth Irene Maxwell	7	10 Auturndale, Mass.	F	F	Rindge	Harry Maxwell	Matte M. Leighton	
Nov. 11	Thomas Buswell	79	7 Rindge	M	M	Ashburnham, Ms.	Azariah Buswell	Abigail Bancroft	
" 24	Fred Duplease	26	7 Bulls Bridge, Conn.	M	M	Rindge	Wm. Buswell	Salina LaClair	
		4				Westport, Vt.		William Duplease	

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WARREN W. EMORY,
Town Clerk.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Rindge, in the county of Cheshire, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said Rindge, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 2—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
- 3—To hear and act upon the reports of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, town treasurer and the reports of all agents, committees and officers heretofore chosen.
- 4—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools.
- 5—To raise a sum of money to be expended on the highways and bridges.
- 6—To see what method the town will adopt to collect the taxes.
- 7—To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of Memorial Day.
- 8—To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Ingalls Memorial Library.
- 9—To raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of observing Old Home Week.
- 10—To see if the town will purchase one or more snow rollers for breaking roads in winter, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

11—To see if the town will take any action regarding the salary of town officers, either to raise or lower the same.

12—To see if the town will accept state aid on our highways as provided by a law passed by the legislature in session of 1905, or act in any way in relation thereto.

13—To see if the town will grade the hill so as to improve the road and keep the water from the cellar where H. W. Wellington is to build his large barn, or act in any way in relation thereto.

14—To see if the town will prohibit fishing in Emerson pond brook for the ensuing two years.

15—To hear and act upon the report of the committee on town history, and see what sum of money the town will raise to defray the expense of a supplement to the history of Rindge or act in any manner in relation thereto.

16—To allow bills of charge.

17—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to finish repairs on the highway between the M. E. Church at West Rindge and the residence of E. J. Faulkner, or act in any way relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and five.

CHARLES F. PLATTS,
FRANCIS D. CONVERSE,
MELVIN ADAMS,
Selectmen of Rindge.

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